

# **EXHIBIT 9**

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**Cc:** ARISTA-KVN  
**Subject:** RE: Cisco's Supplemental Rule 26 disclosures

Dear Brian,

I write in response to your May 16, 2016 email regarding Cisco's First Supplemental Initial Disclosures ("Supplemental Disclosures"). As an initial matter, in characterizing Cisco's First Supplemental Disclosures as "belated," your email ignores a fundamental fact -- the additions to Cisco's Supplemental Disclosures have been known to Arista for months. Cisco's Supplemental Disclosures primarily conform Cisco's Disclosures to the evidence as the additions are largely witnesses who already have been or will be deposed in this case, whether as individuals noticed by Cisco or Arista or as Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses. There is no prejudice to Arista and no need for any additional discovery at this time. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1) Advisory Committee Note (noting that there "no obligation to provide supplemental or corrective information that has already been otherwise made known to the parties in writing or during the discovery process, as when a witness not previously disclosed is identified during the taking of a deposition").

At bottom, your letter seeks protection against Cisco bringing a witness to trial that Arista has not deposed. We understand that -- as you know, on March 30, 2016, in response to the addition of over 180 individual fact witnesses to Arista's First Supplemental Disclosures, Cisco wrote to Arista to ask for exactly the same thing. Notably, unlike Arista who has used all of its 25 depositions, Cisco had and has several depositions remaining. Accordingly, Cisco stated: "We would like to depose any fact witnesses that Arista intends to call at trial that we have not already deposed." See March 30, 2016 Amy Candido Letter to Eduardo Santacana. Arista responded that it was "not aware of any authority requiring an exchange of trial witnesses at this stage of the case." March 31, 2016 Eduardo Santacana Email to Amy Candido. Now, Arista not only believes that Cisco should identify which of the witnesses that Arista has not deposed that it intends to bring to trial, but Arista should get additional depositions, additional custodial discovery, and an extension of the discovery and expert schedules.

Since your May 16 email, Cisco has designated Dylan Cannon and Frank Palumbo as Rule 30(b)(6) designees. Cisco also intends to designate Christine Bakan as a Rule 30(b)(6) designee and is in the process of identifying a date for her deposition. Cisco does not intend to call Praveen Jain, Ramana Mellacheruvu or Sukumar Subburayan as trial witnesses. That should alleviate some of your concerns.

Otherwise, we propose that the parties agree to the following: If either party identifies a witness on its trial witness list who has not previously been deposed in this case, the other party will get to depose the witness at that time. Please let us know if that proposal is acceptable to Arista.

Regards,  
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Counsel,

On May 3, 2015, Cisco amended its initial disclosures to add, among others, Christine Bakan, Dylan Cannon, Praveen Jain, Ramana Mellacheruvu, Frank Palumbo, Jeff Reed, Hilton Romanski, Sukumar Subburayan, David Ward, and Mallun Yen. To my knowledge, none of these persons was ever mentioned before in discovery responses, nor are they scheduled for deposition. It appears all of these persons are under Cisco's control, represented by Cisco's counsel, and, with the exception of Ms. Yen who was formerly in Cisco's legal department, are Cisco employees today.

There is no justification for Cisco waiting over a year and a half after filing suit to identify these internal Cisco witnesses. By the time of this supplementation, Cisco had twice resisted Arista's request for additional depositions, never mentioning that these individuals also had relevant knowledge. Instead, Cisco argued that Arista did not even need 25 depositions, all the while waiting until Arista had already taken and/or allocated all of its 25 depositions before disclosing these witnesses.

If Cisco will not call any of these persons as trial witnesses, Arista will not need to take any further action. However, if Cisco will not make that representation, Arista will need to take discovery related to these new witnesses. Please let us know when you are available to confer regarding exchanging additional custodial document discovery, increasing the deposition limit and extending the discovery and expert report schedule to account for these belated disclosures. Please advise if you will either represent that these witnesses will not be called at trial, or whether you will agree to an extension of discovery and expert report deadlines to allow for proper discovery.

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